



**ATLANTA METRO
WAY of the CROSS
CHURCH
(AMWOTCC)**

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Learn to reach the unreachable and believe the impossible. With God, all things are possible. It is with great joy that I invite you to come and grow with us. Experience for yourself the very real and refreshing power of the living God. We are impacting the future by pointing to the Cross!!!

As for me and this house,
We Will Praise the Lord!!

Your friend and servant in
the service of our Lord
Jesus Christ,

**Pastor Eric L.
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INSIGHTS

AUGUST 2011

NEW EDITION INSIGHTS

Saints, lend me an ear. We are refreshing the newsletter and need your help in making it more interesting, stimulating, informative and inspiring. To make this a newsletter for you and by you, your participation is vital and would be greatly appreciated. We need your thoughts, ideas, articles, and poems. Share with us what you are doing, share your hopes and aspirations. Share lessons you have learned that can be an inspiration for others. Be a beacon of light for someone who may be faltering.

The newsletter will inform the membership about the church, its members, its plans and events. It will feature the Pastor's corner. Each month one of the ministries will be highlighted to keep us informed about what they are about and what they are doing to "impact the future". There will be a member's corner, and health and wellness topics. A segment on "Food for thought" will be aimed at doing just that – stimulating one into thinking about issues and concepts that have relevance to those who

would walk in the paths of righteousness.

I am excited and I hope you are too. Together we will learn about our church and each other.

Please send correspondence to Sister Audrey Hinds at ahinds50@comcast.net with your input for the next issue of the newsletter.

Starting with the next issue this section is reserved for the Pastor's Corner or as he sees fit.

ABOUT AMWOTCC

Vision Statement:

To Impact the Future by Pointing to the Cross!

Church Mission:

To evoke change in our community by teaching and believing in God's Holy Word, demonstrating God's Wondrous Love, operating in God's Awesome power, and lifting up the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What We Believe: (in part)

We Believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God, written by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

We Believe in one God (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is holy in nature, attributes and purposes, as well as omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.

We Believe that He was revealed to us as Father in creation, as Son in redemption, and as Holy Spirit in regeneration.

Prayer Intercession:

Our prayer for you is that whether you come here or somewhere else, you will find the Lord moving in a real way and the blessings of God will over take your life.

PRAISE WHO SAVES

So EAGER to get to a point
In haste to get to a PLACE
The VALUE of what we would DIE for
Is SO much LESS than what we were made for...
Someone SPECIAL attempted to SAVE
But NOW we are attempting to TRADE
the FREEDOM of LIVING in peace
For the POWER of being a SLAVE...
What GOOD is the PROFIT we made?
Consider the SHAMEFUL way we BEHAVE
The father of LIES we praise
UNTIL he pushes us into a GRAVE!
YET...the ROAD of SALVATION HAS BEEN PAVED
With the BLOOD of the ONE from the CROSS who
was RAISED
The GRACE He gives has NOT ceased to AMAZE
He DIED for OUR Sins DESPITE our ways
NOW I AM ON FIRE FOR HIM!!!
And I can FEEL my SOUL is ABLAZE...

By Brother Carlos Prince

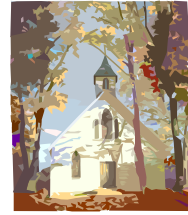
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

The Shepherd's Ministry wishes to remind members to please be faithful in giving your annual donation for our First family. If we all contribute, we can ensure that the birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions when we honor them are properly celebrated. Please see Sister Natalie White to make your donation. Thank you!

MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome home to the following Brothers and Sisters who have joined AMWOTCC this year:

Derek and Audrey Stanton
Michael Harper
Freddie Tharpe
Patrick Dwyer
Jasmine Averett,
Annie Brooks-Gayle
Bernadette Thibodeaux
Triq Reyes
Jason Battle Sr
Martene Bell
Carlos Prince
Chris Mitchell
Anthony Moore



May God continue to bless and direct your paths. It is no accident that you all came home. Next issue we will list those who were baptized and christened this year as well as those who received the Holy Ghost.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them” Matthew 7:19

Yes indeed, by their fruits you shall know them. What do your fruits reveal about you? Everything you do or say is a reflection of who you are. What you put out blows your cover, it identifies you. If you want to be identified as “anointed to be on top” then you must bear good fruit. Those who walk in the path of righteousness will of necessity bear good fruit. How do we know this? Good fruit is the fruit of the Spirit. As Paul said to the Galatians (5:22-23) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law”. Therefore if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. If we do not, we bear bad fruit and become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another (5:25-26). So it behooves us to strive to bear good fruit. We want to reflect the right image that is consistent with what we profess to be. Otherwise it will be easy to dismiss us as hypocrites. Remember our children are watching! We want to set a good example for them to follow

Q. Why do they say
Amen at the end of the
prayer instead of Awomen
A. The same reason they
sing Hymns instead of Hers

I read this quite some time ago and I found it to be very profound. As children of God we have to make sure that we do not become so busy in life that we do not include God. We sing songs and often speak of giving God our all, but we are all consumed with the games of everyday life. We have to remember to focus on God and keep Him as our main sense of purpose in our lives. We must stay dedicated to the course that God has set before us and realize that He has a higher agenda. When we lose our focus, many obstacles will come in our way. Our children become distracted, stress is introduced, and our lives are clouded with poor judgment of direction. It is at this point where our purpose becomes unknown. When we remove the distractions and the blinders that the enemy has placed before us then our lives become a refreshing renewal of hope and new found faith in God. It is then and only then we realize that our purpose is to praise and worship God with whatever tools He places before us. We have various gifts to spread God's goodness; singing, administration, organization, teaching, a friendly word, writing, arts, and so many more talents make up the body of Christ. If we must be busy, let us be servants of God. Some say we are slaves; however, I have found to be a slave in the Kingdom of God means to become free of the shackles of sin - for it is God that has given us this freshness of life and liberty of spirit. We should love him more and not become under the bondage of Satan's plan. (Please read below - this will enrich your life)

Satan's Plan

(Read it, even if you're busy, especially if you're too busy) Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered Dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a real relationship with Jesus Christ." "This is what I want you to do", said the devil. "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered:

- a) Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow.
- b) Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles.
- c) Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!

- d) Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that 'still, small voice.'
- e) Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive...to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.
- f) Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes.
- g) Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives.
- h) Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!
- i) Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas.
- j) Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death.
- k) Even in their recreation, let them be excessive...have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks!, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead.
- l) Keep them busy, busy, busy! And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, they will leave with troubled consciences.
- m) For those who resist all the temptations of television and worldly pursuits, crowd their lives with so many good causes that they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. 'It will work! It will work!!'

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to have little time for their God or their families, and to have little or no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge! Does "busy" mean:

B-eing
U-nder
S-atan's
Y-oke

Submitted by First Lady (author unknown)

Services/Events

- Sunday School 9:30A
- Sunday Morning Worship 11A
- Wednesday Prayer and Bible class 7P
- Wednesday Children's Choir 7:30P
- 1st Sunday Communion and Consecration 11am
- 4th Sunday Newcomers orientation 10A

SPECIAL NEWS

The stork is coming, the stork is coming. Brother and Sister Hagans are expecting a bundle of joy. He or she will debut in October 2011.

Deacon Bell and Sister Zylpha are expecting their first grandchild later this year.

It goes without saying that our prayers go up to God to watch over

them and keep them in his everlasting embrace.

Congratulations are in order for the newly wed Brother and Sister Gayle. We wish them a marriage made in heaven.

On August 6th there will be a back to school Movie Night Bash at the Church. Join us for fun and food. Also we are asking you to bring school supplies so we can help some boy, some girl be ready when the school bell rings.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

It is a well-known fact that good health is cheaper than disease. Disease is expensive, very expensive, billions of dollars expensive. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the treatment of chronic disease is estimated to account for over 75% of the national health expenditures. Total health care spending reached \$2.5 trillion in 2009. Most chronic diseases are controllable. The four modifiable or changeable health risk behaviors are: lack of physical activity, poor nutrition,

tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption. We cannot do anything about our genes but we sure can decide to smoke or not, drink or not, eat poorly or not (for the most part) engage in unhealthy practices (drug use, promiscuous behaviors) or not, engage in physical activity or not. You get the point. Doing these things or not can mean the difference between health and disease. So the ball is in your court. Play on.

STONE MOUNTAIN, GA



MOUNTAIN NEWS and EVENTS

Ain't no mountain high enough! Not even Stone Mountain. So here's what's happening in the Village:

- New laser show at Stone Mountain – catch it in Mountainvision 9:30 pm nightly thru August 7th; then Saturdays only for the remainder of August.
- August 20 - Movie on the Main – Rango
- Pet Central, a new community pet center in historic Stone Mountain Village, opened its doors on July 16. This new facility will offer a full retail store of pet supplies, dog and cat adoptions, dog training, humane education and pet ownership classes, and DIY dog washes. Call 678-534-3483 for info.
- **Last Blast of Summer** Date: August 27, 2011. Stone Mountain Park and Kicks 101.5 are teaming up again to bring you the best new artists in country music starting at 2pm. Culminates in the spectacular Laser show at 9:30pm